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August 24, 1962

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 182

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Attorney General  
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Administrator, Agency for International  
Development  
The Director, U.S. Information Agency  
The Military Representative of the President

SUBJECT: Counterinsurgency Doctrine

The President has approved the document entitled "U.S. Overseas Internal Defense Policy", which sets forth a national counter-insurgency doctrine for the use of U.S. departments and agencies concerned with the internal defense of overseas areas threatened by subversive insurgency, and has directed its promulgation to serve as basic policy guidance to diplomatic missions, consular personnel, and military commands abroad; to government departments and agencies at home; and to the government educational system. The addressees of this NSAM will take action to insure that the policies set forth in the document are reflected in departmental and agency operations and in such additional instructions and guidance as may be required to assure uniformity of effort. They will also initiate the formulation of the internal doctrine, tactics, and techniques appropriate to their own department or agency, based upon "U.S. Overseas Defense Policy." These studies when completed will be reviewed by the Special Group (CI).

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The Department of State in consultation with the other addressees of this memorandum is assigned the task of keeping the "U. S. Overseas Internal Defense Policy" up to date, making such modification as changes in policy or practical experience may require, and publishing revised editions as necessary.

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